

REMARKS

1. Reconsideration and further prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and discussion that follows. Claims 1-41 are pending in this application. Claims 1-41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,021,428 to Miloslavsky in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,175,562 to Cave. After a careful review of the claims (as amended), it has been concluded that the rejections are improper and consequently, the rejection is traversed.

2. Claims 1-41 have been rejected under as being obvious over Miloslavsky in view of Cave. In response, independent claims 1, 14, 27, 35, 40 and 41 have been further limited to method steps of (and apparatus for) "the host providing an Internet caller with a conversational webpage that includes a first softkey for selecting an off-line conversation and a second softkey for selecting a real-time conversation; the host receiving an Internet call from the Internet caller through the Internet based upon activation of one of the first and second softkeys". Support for the additional limitations may be found at page 4, line 17 to page 6, line 20.


Claim 41 has also be further limited to the display of graphical information. Support for this additional limitation may be found at page 7, lines 25-30.

In contrast, the combination of Miloslavsky and Cave fail to provide any teaching or suggestion of a conversational webpage where a user is offered the option of an offline or a real-time conversation. Since the

combination fails to provide any teaching of a conversational webpage, the combination now fails to teach each and every claim element. Since the combination fails to teach each and every claim element, the rejections are now improper and should be withdrawn.

3. Allowance of claims 1-41, as now presented, is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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